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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the national filing fees, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3-7 as follows:

3. (amended) Pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 wherein the outer film is permeable to water or body fluids.
4. (amended) Pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 wherein the coating has a thickness of 50 to 800 micrometers.
5. (amended) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 wherein said core releases an effective dose of the active agent 6 to 12 hours after ingestion.
6. (amended) A two pulse release pharmaceutical composition comprising a composition according to claim 1.

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